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Editor Record: Mr. Goldwater misleads his followers in the following ways: Big government on the Potomac is chiefly the product of the warfare state, not of the welfare state. More than half the total budget goes directly to the Armed Forces. Even the non-military side of the budget relates to warfare requirements, past and prospective, not to welfare programs.

Our space technology, Atomic Energy, and Central Intelligence agencies are all directly linked to our national security. The swollen cost of diplomacy and foreign aid, including military assistance to our allies, also relate to the

monstrous federal bureaucracy. Federal employment no longer keeps pace with the growth of the country. This national growth is something Mr. Goldwater never mentions. In 1952 there were 16 federal employees for every thousand population. By 1958 this number had dropped to 14, and it will be 13 in fiscal 1964. In the decade from '52 to '62 total federal civilian employment fell 3% while employment by state and local governments increased by 63%! If "creeping socialism" is measured by the rising tide of government employees, the sentinels would do better to station themselves closer to home.

security needs of the United States. Add to this the continuing cost of our involvement in past wars, veterans' benefits, and interest payments on the war debts and the grand total accounts for a staggering 80% of all federal spending! It is these tremendous costs which we have had to sustain almost without letup for almost 20 years that mainly account for big government in Washington today.

Of our federal tax dollar, the national government spends only 7 cents on all the welfare programs it supports. The Goldwater attack, stripped to its essentials, is really a campaign against these programs. He deceives them, also in

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